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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

NORIKO MIWA ET AL : EXAMINER: WONG

SERIAL NO. : 09/970,935 :

FILED: OCTOBER 5, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

FOR: METHOD FOR MODIFYING :  
RAW MATERIAL MILK AND  
DAIRY PRODUCT PREPARED BY USING THE  
MODIFIED RAW MATERIAL MILK

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph from page 13, line 17, to page 14, line 1, as shown on the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

*B1*  
--Illustrative examples of the reducing agent to be used according to the present invention include thiol compounds such as glutathione, cysteine and  $\gamma$ -glutamylcysteine; yeast extracts containing at least one of them in high concentrations; thiosulfuric acid, sulfurous